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# The Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan: Toward a Long-Term Solution

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**Moderator:** Harley Schlanger

Vice Chairman, Schiller Institute

Since the abrupt withdrawal of the U.S./NATO forces from Afghanistan, following the Aug. 15, 2021 Taliban takeover of Kabul, there have been very clear warnings that unless a major relief effort was launched, the people of Afghanistan would face a devastating humanitarian crisis. Well, six months have passed and that crisis is here: People are now dying from hunger, from disease, and from exposure to a cold winter.

#### **Issues**

What are the causes of the Afghan humanitarian crisis?

What are the geopolitical implications of a failed state in Afghanistan?

What is needed to reverse the immediate threat of mass starvation and refugee problems?

A long-term solution of humanitarian crisis: the role of the global powers

## **Opening Presentations**

Andrey Kortunov, Director General, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, President, Schiller Institute

## **Expert Discussion**

#### **Russian International Affairs Council**

Ivan Safranchuk, Director, Center for Eurasian Studies of MGIMO University

Temur Umarov, Fellow, Carnegie Moscow Center

#### **Schiller Institute**

James Jatras, Former Diplomat, Former U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Specialist

Graham Fuller, Former CIA Officer, Author

## Open Discussion and Q&A Session

Moderator: Harley Schlanger, Vice President, Schiller Institute

## **Closing Remarks**

Andrey Kortunov, Director General, RIAC Helga Zepp-LaRouche, President, Schiller Institute